

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR RECORDING AND
REPRODUCING TV PROGRAMS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

June 14, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

7. (Amended) A television program recording device as defined in claim 5, wherein a display portion is provided for automatically displaying the actual time and timer setting information containing date, hour and minute information, and program title information on completion of the timer setting.

9. (Amended) A television program recording device as defined in claim 6, wherein in the event of prohibiting recording on the memory card or in the event of shortage in capacity of the memory card while recording the program thereon, the device stops the recording and causes the LED indicator for timer setting/error indicating to flash for indicating the occurrence of an error.

10. (Amended) A television program recording device as defined in claim 6, wherein in the event of absence of an input image at the beginning or in the course of recording and causes the LED indicator for timer setting/error indicating to flash for indicating the occurrence of an error.

11. (Amended) A television program recording device as defined in claim 9, wherein an error content is displayed on the display portion simultaneously with the error indication by the LED indicator.

12. (Amended) A television program recording device as defined in claim 5, wherein in the event of removal of the memory card from the card slot during the recording operation, the device detects the removal of the memory card and cancels the timer setting.

REMARKS

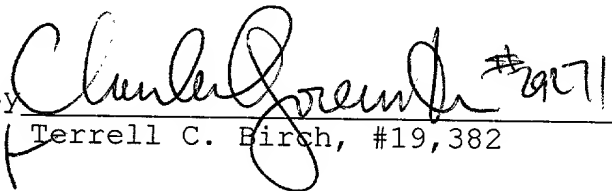
The claims have been amended to delete the improper multiple dependencies in order to place the application into better form prior to examination.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

7. (Amended) A television program recording device as defined in [claim 5 or 6]claim 5, wherein a display portion is provided for automatically displaying the actual time and timer setting information containing date, hour and minute information, and program title information on completion of the timer setting.

9. (Amended) A television program recording device as defined in [any one of claims 6 to 8]claim 6, wherein in the event of prohibiting recording on the memory card or in the event of shortage in capacity of the memory card while recording the program thereon, the device stops the recording and causes the LED indicator for timer setting/error indicating to flash for indicating the occurrence of an error.

10. (Amended) A television program recording device as defined in [any one of claims 6 to 8]claim 6, wherein in the event of absence of an input image at the beginning or in the course of

recording and causes the LED indicator for timer setting/error indicating to flash for indicating the occurrence of an error.

11. (Amended) A television program recording device as defined in [claim 9 or 10]claim 9, wherein an error content is displayed on the display portion simultaneously with the error indication by the LED indicator.

12. (Amended) A television program recording device as defined in [claim 5 or 11]claim 5, wherein in the event of removal of the memory card from the card slot during the recording operation, the device detects the removal of the memory card and cancels the timer setting.